In the Claims

Cancel without prejudice all the claims (Claims 1 - 14) now pending, and substitute therefor the following new Claims 15 - 31:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (new): A method for collecting and monitoring payments in a distributed digital communications environment using tokens, wherein the environment includes a plurality of buyers and sellers, comprising:

    a. Acquiring by a buyer of electronic tokens from a tokens issuer and storing the tokens in a buyer's database;

    b. paying to a seller by sending them electronic tokens;

    c. canceling the used tokens in the buyer's database, by the buyer;

    d. reporting to other users in the digital communications environment of canceled tokens, to allow monitoring a proper use of the tokens by the other users.

Claim 16 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, further including:

    e. storing reports from other users, indicating their use of tokens and cancellation of tokens in each transaction;

    f. processing reports on the use of tokens by each of the other users, comparing according to predefined criteria, verifying that used tokens have been canceled;

    g. if the reports indicate a fraud or inappropriate use of tokens, then storing that information in a database or displaying a violation report.

Claim 17 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, further including:

    e. storing reports from other users, indicating their use of tokens and cancellation of tokens in each transaction;

    f. processing reports on the use of tokens by each of the other users, comparing according to predefined criteria, verifying that used tokens have been canceled;

    g. if the reports indicate a fraud or inappropriate use of tokens, then sending a report to the tokens issuer.

Claim 18 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, further including transferring to other users said reports received from others, indicating the other's use of tokens and the cancellation of tokens in each transaction.

Claim 19 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, being applied for paying for services required irregularly, wherein the buyer pays per use.

Claim 20 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, being applied for paying for accessing a database in that environment.

Claim 21 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, being applied by a buyer for using software resources available in that environment.

Claim 22 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, being applied by a buyer for using hardware resources available in that environment.

Claim 23 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, being applied by a buyer for using signal processors available in that environment.

Claim 24 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, being applied by a buyer for using advanced word processors available in that environment.

Claim 25 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, wherein a token represents a prepaid amount of money or a credit to that specific amount.

Claim 26 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, wherein the communications environment comprises the Internet.

Claim 27 (new): The method for collecting payments according to claim 15, wherein the communications environment comprises a local net.

Claim 28 (new): A method for managing and reporting payments with tokens in a distributed digital communications environment, wherein a user uses a service for which payment is required, comprising:

a. Acquiring by the user of electronic tokens from a tokens issuer and storing the tokens in a user's database;

b. using the service by the user and canceling tokens in the user's database accordingly;

c. reporting to one or more other users in the distributed digital communications environment, of said canceled tokens.

Claim 29 (new): The method for managing and reporting payments with tokens according to claim 28, wherein the service comprises a transaction with a second user, and wherein the reporting to other users comprises sending details of canceled tokens to the second user.

Claim 30 (new): The method for managing and reporting payments with tokens according to claim 29, wherein the second user who is the other party to the transaction, monitors that one or more tokens have been canceled by the first user during the transaction.

Claim 31 (new): The method for managing and reporting payments with tokens according to claim 28, wherein the reporting of said canceled tokens further includes a list of previously canceled tokens.

Claim 32 (new): The method for managing and reporting payments with tokens according to claim 28, including:

d. storing reports from other users, indicating their use of tokens and cancellation of tokens in each transaction;

e. processing reports on the use of tokens by each of the other users, comparing according to predefined criteria, verifying that used tokens have been canceled;

f. if the reports indicate a fraud or inappropriate use of tokens, then storing that information in a database or displaying a violation report.

Claim 33 (new): The method for managing and reporting payments with tokens according to claim 32, further including, if the reports indicate a fraud or inappropriate use of tokens, then sending a report to the tokens issuer.

Claim 34 (new): The method for managing and reporting payments with tokens according to claim 32, further including transferring to other users said reports received from others, indicating the other's use of tokens and the cancellation of tokens in each transaction.